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Inventor(s):

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Title:

A SURGICAL STAPLING INSTRUMENT WITH

A LATERAL-MOVING ARTICULATION

CONTROL

Drawings:

14 Sheets

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Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	x 84.00	84.00
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